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Davis announces grant to train 30 registered nurses in Howard County

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis today announced that the Howard Regional Health System will receive a \$46,800 Incumbent Worker Training grant to provide advanced training for 30 registered nurses in Kokomo.

Administered by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, the grant will be used to train nurses in the hospital's telemetry unit on cardiovascular system review, pathophysiology of the telemetry patient, and critical thinking. The telemetry unit manages patient care through continuous heart monitoring, which requires a complex knowledge of heart monitor recordings as well as clinical judgment skills.

"Access to quality and affordable healthcare remains one of the state's top priorities," said Davis. "This grant will enable the Howard Regional Health System to invest in its nurses, which ultimately will benefit patients and the community."

Working with the Indiana University Kokomo School of Nursing, participants will receive 55 hours of training over two weeks, leading to Advanced Certificates of Completion in Nursing Care of the Telemetry Patient. The hospital is also contributing financial resources toward the effort, by paying the staff while they are attending the class and also paying replacement staff to work on the telemetry unit during class time.

Founded in 1961, Howard Regional Health System employs approximately 1,240 workers and serves more than 76,000 patients each year.

"We are committed to delivering nationally recognized patient care to the residents of north central Indiana," said James P. Alender, president and CEO of Howard Regional Health System. "We believe this grant will enhance the knowledge of our already skilled nursing staff to further support our healthcare initiatives."

All Indiana businesses are eligible to apply for Incumbent Worker Training grants. The grants are designed to create a world-class workforce in Indiana through continuous improvement to the skill levels of Hoosier workers.

Through its various programs and initiatives, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, works with the state's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures, and operates the a statewide job placement service.

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